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## 37 CFR 1.131 Affidavit of Fred J. Stevens

Dear Sir:

Dr. Fred J. Stevens, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

1. I am a joint inventor of the invention described and claimed in the above-identified patent application.

- 2. I declare that conception of the invention occurred in the United States.
- 3. A device for detecting molecules and the method for detecting molecules as described and claimed in the instant application was reduced to practice at least as early as March 10, 1998. An intra-laboratory memorandum (copy attached hereto as Exhibit A) and an invention disclosure record (copy attached hereto as Exhibit B) describing an embodiment of the invention was prepared by myself and Marianne Schiffer (co-inventor) on March 10, 1998. The invention disclosure record was signed by myself and Marianne Schiffer on May 11, 1998.
- 4. The binding site and CDR positioning within the Janusbody constructs were known and reduced to practice at least as early as March 10, 1998, as evident by their disclosure within the memorandum and the invention disclosure record.
- 5. More specifically, the following information regarding this invention was known and reduced to practice as early as March 10, 1998 (shown on tabbed page 3 of memo):
  - Crystallographic analysis demonstrated an unexpected arrangement of domains in the dimer. Instead of the typical dimer motif, in which the complementarity determining segments (CDRs) responsible for interaction are arranged in a juxtaposed position, the domains in the high-affinity dimer were counterpoised. Each set of CDR segments (three per each domain) were positioned at opposite ends of the dimeric assembly. In this orientation they were paired with turns contributed by conserved "framework" portions of the domain resulting in a potential antigen binding surface comparable in size to that of an antibody.
- 6. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and, further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section

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1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and may jeopardize the validity of the aforesaid patent application.

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